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## Westside Salmon Announcement 15

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an update regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 15 issued Wednesday, June 27 at 3:00 p.m.

As previously announced, commercial fishing in the Igushik Section of the Nushagak District with set gillnets will close at 6:00 p.m. June 27, and reopen for 12 hours from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. June 28.

Also as previously announced, commercial fishing with set gillnets only in the Nushagak Section of the Nushagak District will open for 6 hours from 8:00 p.m. June 27 until 2:00 a.m. June 28.

A survey of the Wood River this afternoon indicated low passage rates there. We hope to get early updates from this evenings set gillnet opening and decide whether or not to have a drift opening in the early morning. If set net fishing is slow we will stand down with the drift fleet until the afternoon tomorrow.

The drift gillnet fleet remains on short notice with the earliest possible opening at 1:00 a.m. June 28. We will have an announcement at 9:00 p.m. this evening to update the fleet. Please note this is different from our normal announcement schedule.

Also this morning we incorrectly gave the permit count as the boat count. The current boat counts are as follows: Egegik 266, Naknek-Kvichak 471, Nushagak 266, Togiak 43, Ugashik 170. This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.